PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILIBILITY SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SPRINGFIELD, GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI 20089-EO-T8-0016

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has adopted a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for construction of a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the city of Springfield, Greene County. FEMA will fund the proposed project under the FEMA Emergency Operations Center Grant Program. The Proposed Action would build a new EOC at 1024 N. Campbell, in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. The EOC would consist of approximately 24,000 square feet of new construction. The new facility will be built to all the current codes and standards. Utility services such as power, water, sewer, and telephone exist at the site. This project location would allow enhanced emergency operations and reduced risk of life safety and property preservation.

Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA was written to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The public comment period will be from July 14 to August 14, 2010. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri at (816) 283-7018 to the attention of the Regional Environmental Officer. The DEA can be viewed locally at the Greene County Office of Emergency Management offices at 833 North Boonville Avenue, Springfield. The DEA can also be downloaded from FEMA's website at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm. If no substantive comments are received, the DEA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Then this DEA will be moved to FEMA's archives page at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.